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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MINISTER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, WB, GE
SUBJECT: WHAT IS ABRASIMOV UP TO?

1. FRENCH MINISTER (LANDY) TOLD ME THAT AT SOCIAL EVENT APRIL 4, SOVIET EMBASSY REP TYUTYUNOV TOLD HIM ABRASIMOV IS VERY ANXIOUS TO SEE FRENCH AMBASSADOR BRUNET, AND WISHES DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SEEING BRITISH AMBASSADOR, WHO IS NEXT IN LINE FOR ABRASIMOV ATTENTION. TYUTYUNOV CONVEYED IMPRESSION SOVS ARE KEEN GET BOTH SESSIONS OVER BEFORE BREZHNEV GETS TO BONN NEXT MONTH. BRITISH MINISTER SAYS IT IS POSSIBLE SIR OLIVER CAN ARRANGE SESSION WITH ABRASIMOV TOWARD END APRIL.

2. LANDY WAS STRUCK BY EMPHASIS TYUTYUNOV PUT ON THIS, AND CONJECTURES IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH MILITARY PATROLS. HE THINKS PERHAPS SOVS WANT TO MAKE SOME DEFINITIVE STATEMENT TO WESTERN AMBASSADORS ON PATROLS BEFORE BREZHNEV TURNS UP IN BONN, AND THAT ABRASIMOV'S STATEMENTS YESTERDAY TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' GROUP SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS LIGHT.

3. COMMENT: LANDY SAYS THIS IS PURE SPECULATION ON HIS
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PART, BUT HE WAS SUFFICIENTLY IMPRESSED BY URGENCY TYUTYUNOV DISPLAYED TO FLAG HIS PEOPLE, AND TELL THEM OF HIS SUPPOSITION ABOUT PATROLS. HE IS WELL-INFORMED AND STATUE OBSERVER AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT SOVS HAVE SOME NEW HANKY-PANKY ABOUT PATROLS IN MIND. SUGGEST YOU COMPARE NOTES SOONEST WITH YOUR BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES ABOUT THEIR NEXT CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH

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